



We, the undersigned, call on the Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer to carry out the following demands from the UK's specialist violence against women, anti-racist and migrants' rights organisations in the face of the racist violence fuelled by far-right, anti-Muslim and anti-immigration sentiments following the Southport attack.

1. Ensure urgent protection for immigration centres, accommodation, support and advice organisations, and lawyers, in consultation with *by and for* organisations.
2. Enact support mechanisms for Muslim and other minoritised communities, including disabled communities, who have been subjected to and are still at risk of racist and anti-Muslim attacks.
3. Ensure that the Home Office urgently suspends all in-person immigration reporting and all other appointments due to the overwhelming and validated fear of violent racist attacks in Black, minoritised and migrant communities.
4. Immediately recall parliament to ensure a streamlined, national response to this crisis.
5. Refer sitting MPs who make racist comments to the parliamentary Standards Committee.
6. Acknowledge that the recent riots are the product of decades of hostility towards immigrants and minorities in the UK stoked by government policy, media, and public figures, resulting in a discriminatory, two-tier system for migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers.
7. End the hostile environment for migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers by abolishing No Recourse to Public Funds, establishing secure routes for asylum seekers, and end data-sharing between statutory agencies and immigration enforcement through the implementation of a firewall.
8. Invest in communities across the UK by reversing austerity measures and financing public services that promote community cohesion, education, and youth development.
9. Reject the alarmist rhetoric surrounding migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers that has dominated public discourse. Set forth a positive and evidence-based view of immigration that emphasises its critical need, societal benefits, and the UK's responsibility to support refugees and asylum seekers.
10. Examine the extent to which social media companies have contributed to this unrest by enabling the unbridled and unmoderated dissemination of racist content and misinformation, and order appropriate ramifications in accordance with pertinent legislation, such as the Online Safety Act.
11. Implement measures to eradicate institutional racism in policing for Black, minoritised and migrant communities which results in the over-policing, over-representation and under-protection of these communities within and by the police and criminal justice system.
12. Avoid promoting the use of surveillance tools like face recognition software as a solution to this crisis as they are likely to disproportionately harm marginalised people.

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